

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
October 5, 2021
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:30pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, Michael Gervais and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Review of minutes: Minutes were not reviewed at this meeting.
4. Project Review:
 - a. 29-31 Bartlett Avenue. Gervais- Plans for exposed back porch and side porch casement window will be removed on the back of the house. Back door will be replaced.
 - b. Plans for chapel entryway at 18 Claremont Avenue were presented by Commissioner Stange.
5. Discussions and Hearings:

7:35pm Formal Hearing continued for 36 Orvis Road with homeowner Sergio Buttaro, contractor, Rod LaVallee.

The current condition of the house was presented and plans were shared. Proposed exterior changes are to wrap the current wood trim with white aluminum, install new aluminum gutters, demolish the existing wood shingles and to install new siding using Cedar Impressions polymer material with 7” reveal.

Discussion followed regarding the existing condition of the current siding and the trim around the windows and whether other options have been considered to maintain the details that would be lost with the aluminum covering. At an onsite visit earlier in the month with Commissioners, it was noted that the siding on the rear of the house is quite rotten, but the shingles on the sides and front are in better shape. It was also stated that all the current siding will be removed. Following the removal, determine the correct dimensions of the siding and match that with the proposal for the new siding. It was also stated that efforts would be made to preserve as much of the wood trim and details as possible.

Motion was made by Commissioner Meister that the homeowner and the contractor be directed to investigate what is under the siding at the back of the house and to report back to the monitor with the findings.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stange.

A roll call vote was taken. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

We will reconvene at the November 2 meeting.

8:00pm Continued Formal Hearing for 821 Massachusetts Avenue with Robert Annese. Owner, Geoffrey Noyes and Contractor, Philip Randall and Michael Ciampa, Interim Director of the Building Department.

Photos were shared of the condition of the siding prior to the demolition. It was stated that plans are in place to replace the siding. The materials used for siding will be cedar shingles. The plans for the window, trim and fenestration have not yet been decided.

The Commission was updated about plans to be presented to the ARB. Further updates included the reasons for electrical delays at the house for lighting and security.

Plans will be made to meet with the contractor to talk about details for replacement of windows, trim, and siding with Commissioner Gervais.

8:20pm Formal Hearing for 2-4-6 Court Street Place with Attorney John Leone, owner, Sid Gehlot, Michael Ciampa, Interim Director of the Building Department.

Updates shared from in person meeting with Michael Ciampa, Interim Director of the Building Department, Sid Gehlot, and Commissioner Michael Gervais.

Attorney Leone, representing Sid Gehlot, reviewed the history of the project, communications and application details. Michael Ciampa shared details about areas of concern regarding zoning and permitting and open space violations.

The meeting then focused on the exterior restoration plans that included replacing the brackets on the roofline, restoration of the original front doors, alterations to the decks on the side of the house, and investigating the use of aftermarket mullions to create 2 over 1 window for the 1 over 1 existing. Commissioner Gervais reviewed additional areas of the house that may require renovations.

Commissioner Gervais made a motion that the interior stop work order can be lifted as long as the interior work does not affect the exterior or the windows.

Commissioner Schaeffer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

There will be a continued hearing on November 2, 2021.

8:50pm Continued Formal Hearing for 6 Mystic Lake Drive with owner, Barbara Hindley.

Exterior proposed plans were presented to replace the windows on the first floor with double hung wood interior Marvin windows like for like (6 over 1) with muntins on the exterior.

Commissioner Stange made a motion to approve the replacement of 14 (6 over 1) double hung Marvin windows on the first floor of the house at 6 Mystic Lake Drive as presented.

Commissioner Meister seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Monitor for the project is Commissioner Stange.

Old Business: Plans for Bob Botterio's memorial. An elm tree will be placed close to the Whittemore Robbins House. Pamela Meister will contact Patsy Kraemer to help make plans.

New Business: Plans to expand the Historical Commission's resources. New ideas included bringing back Co-Chairs, setting up new systems for communication with the Building Department, and be very conscious of establishing norms. Commissioner Gervais interested in taking on more responsibilities. Form a subcommittee for recruitment for new members, advertise for new Commissioners. Review the website. Look into broadcast on ACMI. Look at revolving fund to use for advertisements for hearings. Get a request for the finance committee to increase the budget.

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 11:00pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be November 2, 2021
for the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.